GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development – Certain allegations of Unapproved and irregular Layout in Thotapalem Gram Panchayat and Etcherla Gram Panchayat of Etcherla Mandal of Srikakulam District- Disciplinary action initiated – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 24 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Regular Inquiry conducted – Charges proved – Imposing a penalty of withholding (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri M. Srinivasa Rao., the then PS, Thotapalem G.P., Sri T.Kurma Rao, the then PS, Etcherla G.P., Smt. R. Sudha Rani, the then PS, Etcherla G.P and Sri D. Ananda Rao., the then PS, Etcherla G.P - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 592 **Dated: 30-10-2024**

Read the following:

1. From the GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.20 (C.No.182/V&E/D1/2015), dt.25.02.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.297, PR&RD(Vig.III) Dept., dt.28.03.2016.
3. G.O.Rt.No.298,300,301,302,303,304,305 and 306 PR&RD(Vig.III) Dept., dt.28.03.2016.
4. From CPR&RE, Lr.No.7077/CPR&RD/E2.vig/2015, dt.16.06.2016.
5. G.O.Rt. No. 212, PR&RD(Vig.III) Dept., Dated 21.02.2019.
6. From the IO& DPO, Srikakulam, Rc.No.1686/2019,P2, Dt.09.09.2022.
7. Memo. No.12728/Vig.III/A1/2015, Dated. 24/07/2023.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the GA(V&E) Department, have recommended to initiate action against concerned Panchayat Secretaries of Thotapalem and Etcherla Gram Panchayats for getting the approval of Layout Plan violating the Government Orders and without jurisdiction and failure to guide the Local Body and they have failed to pursue action to get the 10% of Open Place registered in favour of Panchayat and failure to safe guard the properties.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, common disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Smt M.Renuka, the then Panchayat Secretary, Thotapalem Grama Panchayat and (6) others under Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the allegations of Unapproved and irregular Layout in Thotapalem and Etcherla Gram Panchayats of Etcherla Mandal in Srikakulam District and evasion of Security Deposit & layout fees and non-registration of 10% of Layout area as open space caused loss of revenue of Rs.6,67,54,828/- to Gram Panchayats.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Article of Charges were framed against Smt M.Renuka, the then Panchayat Secretary, Thotapalem GP and (6) others on the said allegations and directed them to submit their Written Statement of Defense.

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4. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, A.P., has submitted the Written Statements of Defense of the charged officers and after examination of Written Statements of Defense, the Government have issued orders appointing District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam and MPDO, MPP, Etcherla as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged officers, vide G.O. 5th read above.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry officer and the District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam has submitted the Inquiry Report against the Charged Officers among others, duly stating that the charges framed against Sri M. Srinivisa Rao., the then Panchayat Secretary, Thotapalem Grama Panchayat, Sri T.Kurma Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Etcherla Grama Panchayat, Smt. R. Sudha Rani, the then Panchayat Secretary, Etcherla Grama Panchayat and Sri D. Ananda Rao., the then Panchayat Secretary, Etcherla Grama Panchayat, were held proved.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Government, have communicated the Inquiry report to Sri M. Srinivisa Rao, Sri T.Kurma Rao, Smt. R. Sudha Rani and Sri D.Ananda Rao, Panchayat Secretaries, among others through the District Panchayat Officer, Srikakulam District, under rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S (CCA) Rules, 1991.

7. After careful examination of the matter, the Government, have decided to impose a major penalty of withholding (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect against the officers, viz., Sri M. Srinivisa Rao, Sri T.Kurma Rao, Smt. R. Sudha Rani and Sri D. Ananda Rao., Panchayat Secretaries, as the charges framed against them were held proved in the enquiry. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to impose a major penalty of withholding (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect against the officers, viz., Sri M. Srinivisa Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Thotapalem Grama Panchayat, Sri T.Kurma Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Etcherla Grama Panchayat, Smt. R. Sudha Rani, the then Panchayat Secretary, Etcherla Grama Panchayat and Sri D. Ananda Rao., the then Panchayat Secretary, Etcherla Grama Panchayat, in the matter.

8. The Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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